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SUBJ: GIEREK AND JAROSZEWICZ VISITS TO MOSCOW

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1. ACCORDING TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY MOSCOW SOURCE, QUICK VISITS BY
GIEREK

AND JAROSZEWICZ TO MOSCOW DURING JUNE CENTERED AROUND QUESTIONS OF
PRICING IN BILATERAL POLISH-SOVIET TRADE. WE HAVE HEARD VARIOUS
REORTS (MOST RECENT COMING FROM FRG EMBASSY MOSCOW, BASED ON ANALYSIS
PREPARED BY ITS EMBASSY IN WARSAW) THAT POLES ARE CONFIDENT THAT
PRICE

RISES THEY ARE IMPOSING ON THEIR RAW MATERIALS EXPORTS TO USSR WILL
COMPLETELY COMPENSATE FOR HIGHER PRICES BEING LEVIED BY SOVIET UNION
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ON ITS OIL AND OTHER COMMODITY SALES TO POLAND. POLES APPRENTLY ARE

REPLYING IN PARTICULAR ON INCREASING EXPORT PRICE OF COAL (WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR NEARLY TEN PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL ANNUAL SALES TO USSR) TO REACH STANDOFF IN TERMS OF TRADE WITH SOVIET UNION. THESE TWO ITEMS TAKEN TOGETHER WOULD LEND AT LEAST SOME CREDENCE TO THEORY THAT SOVIETS SUMMONED GIEREK AND JAROSZEWICZ IN ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE TRADE ADVANTAGE THEY DESIRE FOR THEMSELVES THROUGH COMMODITY PRICE ADJUSTMENTS.

2. SAME ROMANIAN EMBASSY SOURCE ALSO NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO ECONOMIC TOPICS, GIEREK VISIT IN PARTICULAR PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGING VIEWS ON WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL TOPICS. IN THAT RESPECT GIEREK VISIT WAS SIMILAR TO THOSE BY HONECKER AND ZHIVKOV. ACCORDING TO SOURCE THESE BILATERAL MEETING ARE SUBSTITUTE FOR SUMMER BLACK SEA MEETING OF FRATERNAL PARTY LEADERS, WHICH WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AGAIN THIS YEAR.
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